



Fall 2019 College Visits Users' Guide

Providence Academy College Counseling

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REMINDER: To attend college meetings scheduled during the Light Blue or Pink elective periods, students must obtain a college visit pass from Mrs. Peterson at least one day in advance of the visit and then, also at least one day in advance, speak with and obtain the signature of their elective course or study hall instructor. With a signed college visit pass, students may proceed directly to the college meeting at the start of the period.

Friday, September 6

11:15 AM: Trinity University (San Antonio, TX)

(Trinity U. might be under-the-radar compared to some other Texas colleges, but it has very impressive attributes: one of the largest endowments in the country for a college of its size; an upscale park-like campus 4 miles from downtown San Antonio; and a diverse curriculum including classical languages, mathematical finance, international studies, and engineering science. With 2,400 students, extremely successful Division 3 athletics, and a location in a lively city boasting great weather and a multitude of entertainment and cultural options, Trinity certainly merits a look alongside its larger Texas college peers)

Monday, September 9

2:25 PM: University of Miami (Miami, FL)

(You may have a misconception about University of Miami, not realizing it is a competitive private university enrolling 11,000 undergraduates, more similar to places like USC or Vanderbilt than to the urban public university you may envision based on the name. Academic offerings include business, engineering, marine and atmospheric science, music, and nursing. Miami draws a lot of students from the Northeast and Midwest. Students interested in a diverse and energetic campus environment, or anything having to do with the ocean or with Latin America, should take time to learn about Miami.)

2:25 PM: Hillsdale College (Hillsdale, MI)

(Hillsdale is a competitive liberal arts college in the rural Michigan with an impressive national draw due to its distinctive classical education and traditional academic values, which mirror those of Providence Academy. Most Hillsdale students are serious about their religious life – with Catholic life being especially strong - and have wholesome and traditional sensibilities, making Hillsdale a comparable option to a range of colleges as diverse as Notre Dame, Hope College, and University of Dallas. Hillsdale is known for its strong network within national conservative politics/journalism and also offers Division II athletics)

Wednesday, September 11

8:00 AM: Dartmouth College (Hanover, NH)

(Dartmouth is one of the world's most intimate research universities, known for its deep traditions and for being the Ivy League institution with the smallest number of graduate programs and smallest population of graduate students. The location in a classic college town community in northern New England – 2 hours north

of Boston – offers both a great connection to the out-of-doors while still having plentiful cultural opportunities. High occurrence of study abroad and internship completion help define the student experience. Dartmouth is an out-of-the-way, world-of-its-own ‘college on a hill’)

Thursday, September 12

1:30 PM: Macalester College (St. Paul, MN)

(Macalester, located in the heart of St. Paul, is one of few selective, top-tier residential liberal arts colleges located in a major metropolitan area. Known for its commitment to internationalism, about 24% of Macalester students are citizens of another country (and, overall, just 17% of Mac students are from Minnesota). Over 60% of Mac students go abroad for traditional study, independent research, or internships. All freshmen and sophomores live on campus. Popular majors include international studies, political science, economics, biology, and mathematics/computer science.)

Friday, September 13

11:15 AM: University of Minnesota, Rochester (Rochester, MN)

(UMR is a constituent college of the University of Minnesota system offering an almost-one-of-a-kind specialized curriculum in health sciences and biosciences. UMR enrolls approximately 750 students on its campus in downtown Rochester, in the heart of a medical ecosystem anchored by the Mayo Clinic and its 32,000 employees. Students complete either a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences or a Bachelor of Science in Health Professions. UMR serves students with an early passion for health sciences and who want to focus on this passion in a specialized, relational academic environment.)

Monday, September 16

8:00 AM: Furman University (Greenville, SC)

(Furman is a liberal arts university that offers a rigorous academic experience (without a tiny admission rate) on a beautiful 750-acre campus in Greenville, S.C. The grounds include a large lake and an 18-hole golf course. About 70% of Furman’s 2,700 students come from out-of-state. The Furman Advantage program guarantees all students a major out-of-class experience such as a funded internship, study abroad, or a research opportunity. The student culture is generally conservative and religious. Come learn more, especially if you like Davidson, Elon, Pepperdine, TCU, or Wake Forest)

2:25 PM: University of Wisconsin, Madison

(UW-Madison is a very popular out-of-state university option due to the tuition reciprocity program for Minnesota residents and because of its attractive lakeside campus in one of America’s preeminent college towns. The sheer size helps to define the UW-Madison experience. You can study just about anything at UW-Madison, but note that admission for Minnesota residents and to high demand programs like business and engineering can be as competitive as at some selective private universities)

2:25 PM: University of Chicago (Chicago, IL)

(UChicago offers a distinctively intense intellectual focus on ideas, a rigorous core curriculum, all offered on a big and grand campus and in one of this country’s most famous big cities. Among elite universities, Chicago is known as a campus where conservative voices are welcome)

3:15 PM: Boston College (Chestnut Hill, MA)

(Boston College is an elite, east coast university with a heavily Catholic student body. Its distinguishing attributes include a beautiful and safe suburban campus very near a major city, great college hockey, no Greek life, serious philosophy and theology options, and schools of management, nursing, and education)

Tuesday, September 17

8:00 AM: Northeastern University (Boston, MA)

(Northeastern has become famous for its pre-professional education options and hands-on experiences like co-ops. The city campus, steps from Boston's museums and Fenway Park, is in one of the most exciting urban areas in the country. Northeastern might appear on the same college lists as University of Pennsylvania or New York University)

11:15 AM: North Dakota State University (Fargo, ND)

(North Dakota State University offers smaller, more student-centered flagship public university experience than is common here in the Midwest. If the very large enrollment at nearby flagship universities like University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Iowa State, or UW-Madison concern you, NDSU's enrollment of just 12,000 undergraduates may be a better fit. NDSU has a very successful and increasingly prominent athletics program, particularly in Division 1 championship subdivision football. The "Bison Catholic" Newman Center is also a great resource and is planning for a major expansion)

3:15 PM: Providence College (Providence, RI)

(Providence College, or PC, offers a change of pace from Boston College or Villanova. PC is a Catholic liberal arts college with no graduate programs, and its governance by the Dominican Fathers gives it a faithful, muscular, robustly intellectual Catholic feel. PC has less of a national recruitment draw than BC or Villanova, with 90% of students hailing from New England or mid-Atlantic)

3:15 PM: University of Denver (Denver, CO)

(University of Denver is the only mid-sized private university between Omaha and the West coast. Academic offerings include business and programs in hotel and tourism management, political science and international affairs. With a bucolic campus embedded in one of the most economically vibrant cities in the country, DU is a dynamic college where 68% of students are from out-of-state. Study abroad is real strength and the college hockey program is a national powerhouse.)

3:15 PM: Saint Mary's University of Minnesota (Winona, MN)

(If St. Mary's is less familiar to you than St. Olaf, St. John's/St. Benedict, or Gustavus Adolphus, you should learn about this quintessential small Catholic college in the beautiful bluff region of southeastern Minnesota. St. Mary's has long been known for its great opportunities in music, theater, and sciences. An impressive new science building opened in fall 2017. St. Mary's has lower tuition than other MN private colleges. Division III MIAC athletics, including hockey, are important, but with only 1,100 students, there might be better opportunities to contribute and compete here than at some of the other MIAC colleges)

Thursday, September 19

8:00 AM: College of Saint Scholastica (Duluth, MN)

(CSS is a Catholic, Benedictine college with a residential 4-year campus located in Duluth in addition to several satellite and online programs. The full-time student enrollment on the main campus is 1,700. CSS students

study in the School of Arts & Letters, School of Business & Technology, School of Education, School of Health Sciences, School of Nursing, or the School of Sciences. Of particular note are CSS's many health sciences professional programs, including Athletic Training, Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies, Physical Therapy, and Doctor of Nursing Practice. Applicants to these programs with a CSS undergraduate degree receive admission preference.)

11:15 AM: Augustana University (Sioux Falls, SD)

(Not to be confused with Augustana College in Illinois, Augustana University is a comprehensive university located in Sioux Falls with an enrollment of 2,100 undergraduate students. Popular majors include Nursing, Biology, Business, Education, Exercise Science, Psychology, and Political Science. 28% of students are student athletes and 17% participate in the performing arts. With a population approaching 200,000, Sioux Falls might be an agreeable small city setting if rural or small town colleges are not of interest.)

11:15 AM: Creighton University (Omaha, NE)

(Creighton is a wonderful option for the student looking for business, nursing, or strong professional schools like dentistry, law, and medicine in a Catholic setting. Omaha's healthy economy and safe environment adds to Creighton's appeal and to students' opportunities)

1:30 PM: Marquette University (Milwaukee, WI)

(Marquette is one of the quintessential Midwestern Catholic universities. Its downtown Milwaukee location is becoming more of an asset, and the urban setting is more noticeable here than at Creighton. Marquette's trademark is having a city location, popular Division 1 sports (no football, but highly accomplished in men's basketball), and lots of academic choices including programs in nursing, engineering, communication fields. The student body comes mainly from Wisconsin, Illinois, and Minnesota.)

3:15 PM: Villanova University (Villanova, PA)

(Villanova is worth a look from anyone who is also interested in Notre Dame, Boston College, or Vanderbilt – and is increasingly similar in selectivity to those colleges. Villanova offers a Catholic university environment with strong programs in business or engineering, great school spirit (especially for men's basketball), as well as a safe and suburban campus near a major East coast city offering plentiful opportunities)

3:15 PM: Gettysburg College (Gettysburg, PA)

(This "college by the battlefield" is steeped in Civil War history and located mere steps from the Gettysburg National Military Park. History and English are strong departments at the college, as is the Sunderman Conservatory of Music. Students interested in a classic East Coast college experience along the lines of Lafayette, College of William and Mary, or Bucknell should consider checking out Gettysburg)

3:15 PM: Gustavus Adolphus College (Saint Peter, MN)

(Gustavus Adolphus offers the tried and true Lutheran college tradition, where exploration of religious values and finding one's vocation are emphasized. Gustavus is one of eight Minnesota colleges with a chapter of the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa honor society, a signifier of excellence in the liberal arts. One of the classic friendly Minnesota colleges with a great legacy of small college excellence, where students are known as individuals and can prepare themselves very well in any liberal arts discipline, plus education and music. Participation in fine arts programs and athletics is extensive.)

Friday, September 20

8:00 AM: St. Olaf College (Northfield, MN)

(St. Olaf is an excellent small college with impressive facilities and a well-rounded, thoughtful approach to the college experience. It is a place that invites students to think seriously about the role religion plays in the world and in discerning a vocation. Music and the sciences are among the notable academic strengths. St. Olaf is becoming ever more national in its enrollment figures and competitive in its admissions process, but it still has accessible admission standards. St. Olaf is a college of the Lutheran church (ELCA), with the Catholic student community comprising 14% of student body)

11:15 AM: California Lutheran University (Thousand Oaks, CA)

(CLU is located in the Los Angeles metropolitan area and enrolls approximately 3,000 students. A short drive from the Pacific Coast and near to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, Cal Lutheran offers a College of Arts and Sciences and a School of Management. Cal Lutheran is an option to consider if attending college near Los Angeles is of interest but the higher selectivity and larger enrollments of USC, Loyola Marymount, and UCLA (etc) are a concern. Similar to the Lutheran colleges in Minnesota, performing arts and music programs are an academic strength at CLU.)

11:15 AM: Lake Forest College (Lake Forest, IL)

(Perhaps no other small college in the country can offer a campus as beautiful and pastoral as Lake Forest's that is also located within a Top 5 metropolitan area. Lake Forest offers significant "big city" programming that utilizes Chicago, is a small Midwest college with heavy out-of-region draw, and is a small college where it is possible to study business and entrepreneurship. A good Chicago-area option for students not interested in the urban experience of Loyola or DePaul, and not looking for the elite admission criteria of Northwestern and U. Chicago)

1:30 PM: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Troy, NY)

(RPI has built its reputation as a selective, elite engineering and technical university. With 5,700 undergraduates, it is larger than Harvey Mudd and Caltech, and smaller than Georgia Tech. The campus is situated across the Hudson River from the state capital of Albany, three hours north of New York City)

1:30 PM: Northwestern University (Evanston, IL)

(Northwestern is the nearest highly selective, mid-sized research university to home and is the only private university option in the Big Ten conference. NU has academic opportunities in Engineering, Journalism, or Music, all featuring strong liberal arts requirements. The bustling campus is near, but not in, Chicago. NU is an elite research university that can offer a very good environment for religious students, including the active Catholic student center – the Sheil Center - across the street from campus)

3:15 PM: University of Richmond (Richmond, VA)

(Richmond's classic campus of redbrick Gothic buildings is nestled about 15 minutes from downtown Richmond, Va. With an enrollment of 3,400 students, Richmond is relatively small national university with urban proximity – a somewhat uncommon pairing of attributes. The major in Philosophy, Politics, and Law (PPEL) embodies the interdisciplinary liberal arts environment on offer at Richmond, which also boasts of a top undergraduate business school. All undergraduates are guaranteed up to to \$4,000 for a summer research or internship experience. Nearly half of UR students are from the northeast and 19 percent hail from Virginia. Richmond is known for having extremely nice campus amenities and it also offers Division 1 athletics.)

3:15 PM: Saint Michael's College (Colchester, VT)

(SMC is a Catholic liberal arts college set amidst inspiring views of Vermont's Green Mountains, just a few minutes outside of Burlington, which is considered to be among the country's best college towns. With on-campus housing guaranteed, nearly all undergraduates live on campus all four years. The only Edmundite college in the world – founded by the Society of Saint Edmund – SMC is one of just four Catholic colleges in the northeast to have a chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa academic honor society and offers academic programs in business, media and journalism, digital arts, data science, and more.)

Monday, September 23

8:00 AM: DePaul University (Chicago, IL)

(DePaul is the Midwest's answer to NYU. DePaul is defined by its Catholic, Vincentian, and urban mission. About half of its students hail from the city of Chicago or its suburbs. DePaul's character and strong Chicago ties are shaped by its two campuses – the traditional campus in Brooklyn-esque Lincoln Park and the Loop Campus in downtown Chicago, which is home to business and computing/digital media majors. DePaul has noticeable creative energy rooted in its strong programs in music, theatre, and film.)

8:00 AM: Elon University (Elon, NC)

(Elon is a 'cosmopolitan campus set in the south,' with just 20 percent of its students hailing from North Carolina and many students enrolling from the Northeast, Texas, and California. Its classic campus architecture, communications programs, strong arts and theater presence (esp. musical theater), strong school spirit and 'Division 1 campus life' make Elon a must-add to any college list that includes places like Wake Forest, U. of Richmond, William and Mary, Vanderbilt, or Washington & Lee)

8:00 AM: University of Rochester (Rochester, NY)

(U. of Rochester stands apart for its engineering and science programs as well as the prestigious Eastman School of Music. It has all of the academic strengths one would expect to find at an elite private university in the same mold as Carnegie Mellon, Wash. U., or Johns Hopkins. Over 75% of students participate in undergraduate research and 70% are from out-of-state. A high quality university in a snowy setting.)

2:25 PM: Hult International Business School (San Francisco, CA)

(Hult offers a very non-traditional form of business education in which students study on campuses located in London, Boston, San Francisco and potentially a combination of other sites ranging from Dubai to Shanghai. Students have the flexibility to change their campus location from year to year and will earn a business degree accredited in both the United States and the United Kingdom.)

2:25 PM: Fairfield University (Fairfield, CT)

(Fairfield is a Jesuit Catholic university enrolling 4,200 undergraduate students on the "Gold Coast" of Connecticut, about one hour from New York City. About 60% of students are Catholic and 72% live on campus. Popular majors include Nursing, Business, Psychology, Biology, English, and Engineering. With colleges of nursing, engineering, and business, Fairfield offers popular academic programs and proximity to New York City. The availability of engineering distinguishes it from many of the other New England Catholic colleges.)

2:25 PM: Pepperdine University (Malibu, CA)

(In some respects, Pepperdine feels like the college version of Providence Academy, located on the California coast. Pepperdine offers a strongly Christian college setting with stout academic standards and incomparable ocean views. An active Catholic Student Association offers programming and events to enhance the faith experience of Catholics attending Pepperdine and offers shuttle service to the local Catholic Church on Sundays. The town of Malibu is about one hour from the LAX airport)

3:15 PM: Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, OH)

(Case Western is one of the country's premier research universities which, like Carnegie Mellon or Johns Hopkins, has a major emphasis in engineering, medicine, and science. Biomedical engineering, polymer science, biology, and nursing are among the strongest programs. CWRU is located on the eastern edge of Cleveland, five miles from downtown, amidst most of the city's major cultural, educational, medical, and research institutions)

3:15 PM: Davidson College (Davidson, NC)

(Davidson should appeal to any students interested in the Carolinas, Vanderbilt, or the smaller Ivies like Dartmouth or Princeton. Davidson is very small, selective, and ascendant academic institution where a high percentage of students compete at the highest level of college athletics. Located in an idyllic small town near Charlotte and boasts a strong honor code system)

3:15 PM: Seattle University (Seattle, WA)

(Seattle is a mid-sized Catholic and Jesuit college located a stone's throw from downtown Seattle. The distinctive urban college setting in a well-known city is one reason that students consider Seattle U. Other reasons include its strong programs in Business, Nursing, Engineering, and Computer Science)

Tuesday, September 24

8:00 AM: University of British Columbia (Vancouver, BC)

(UBC is a very large, internationally recognized research university that recruits heavily from abroad, which includes recruiting U.S. students to its campus on the edge of the Strait of Georgia in Vancouver, Canada. The massive campus requires considerable independence and self-direction, but the academic programs are widely considered to be first-rate. Prominent programs include computer science, economics, and international relations.)

8:00 AM: Lynn University (Boca Raton, FL)

(A private university in Boca Raton, Fla., Lynn enrolls 2,300 undergraduate students and is considered one of the country's most innovative colleges.)

8:00 AM: Purdue University (West Lafayette, IN)

(Purdue is one of the most recognized science and technology universities in the country...pharmacy, nursing, business, and aerospace fields also offered...Has all the trappings of a Big Ten campus and is not quite as selective as University of Minnesota or UW-Madison with the exception of certain high demand majors within engineering and computer science)

11:15 AM: Connecticut College (New London, CT)

(Connecticut College has an idyllic campus with a majestic location on the coast of Connecticut overlooking Long Island Sound. Its academic strengths include the performing arts, humanities, and its many study abroad options. A member of the New England Small College Athletic Conference – NESCAC – it is similar to peers like Williams College and Bowdoin College, but admits a higher percentage of applicants, 38%)

11:15 AM: Rhodes College (Memphis, TN)

(Rhodes College presents the hard-to-find option of a small, stunningly beautiful liberal arts college embedded in a big city. If you are drawn to bigger urban universities like Vanderbilt, Emory, or Wash. U. but would not mind something smaller, then Rhodes merits serious consideration. Rhodes is a hidden gem college that attracts serious students and offers exposure to a fascinating and complex city that has been one of the biggest contributors to American culture.)

11:15 AM: Warren Wilson College (Swannanoa, NC)

(WWC is a small community of 680 students with a 1,135 acre campus and other assets including a 110-acre farm and 600-acre forest. The academic experience at WWC is set apart by its Work Program, through which every WWC student works on campus as a graduation requirement. Students manage most aspects of the campus operation on work crews ranging from plumbing to IT network maintenance to farming. WWC describes itself as a self-sustaining community where everybody does their part to keep the college running. The liberal arts academic program features 25 majors and 26 concentration areas.)

3:15 PM: Marist College (Poughkeepsie, NY)

(Marist is a mid-sized college enrolling approximately 4,900 undergraduate students on its campus in Hudson River Valley about 90 miles north of New York City and 80 miles from Albany. Known for its academic fashion program and for Sports Journalism and Communication, Marist offers a mix of emerging disciplines and traditional liberal arts departments – and business. Not many northeast colleges other than the Ivies share Marist's size and Division I athletic profile, so students interested in Providence College, U. of Vermont, or Dartmouth should take a look. Marist's branch campus in Florence, Italy is a study abroad option and home to the Freshman Florence Experience.)

3:15 PM: Boston University (Boston, MA)

(Boston University is the city of Boston's answer to New York University or George Washington Univ. The campus is located amidst urban, East Coast bustle, offering lots of diversity and energy. With 16,000 undergraduate students, this is a highly selective, large enrollment private university that belongs to the prestigious American Association of Universities research consortium. It is the rare urban campus to offer guaranteed student housing for all four years.)

3:15 PM: Winona State University (Winona, MN)

(Winona State is a mid-sized public college enrolling 8,600 undergraduates in a quirky, riverside city of Winona in southeastern Minnesota. WSU is a good option for students looking for a Minnesota option for studying Nursing, Education, Business, or Materials Engineering. Lots of school spirit and a compact, nicely updated campus make WSU worth a look for students interested in being "away" for college but still close by. Half the size and twice as far from home as MSU-Mankato)

Wednesday, September 25

8:00 AM: Southern Methodist University (Dallas, TX)

(SMU is a mid-sized private university offering, among other things, a strong presence for conservatives anchored by the George W. Bush Presidential Library, very stately tree-lined pedestrian campus, Division I athletics, and the opportunity to study engineering, business, or at an esteemed School of Arts. Fifty percent of SMU students come from out-of-state. Connections to Dallas' 22 Fortune 500 companies abound.)

8:00 AM: Sarah Lawrence College (Bronxville, NY)

(Sarah Lawrence enrolls 1,600 students on its campus in suburban New York City, about 30 minutes by car and one hour by train from the heart of Manhattan. While a co-ed institution, about 70% of students are women. The SLC experience is eclectic and oriented to the more independent, intellectually motivated student interested in exploring their interests both on and off campus. Writing, the visual arts, and filmmaking are among SLC's traditional academic strengths.)

8:00 AM: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (Minneapolis MN)

(Minnesota's flagship university has much more to it than you might think...UMTC is truly one of the country's premier public research universities and has global reach...popular programs like Carlson School of Management and the College of Science and Engineering have high admission standards, and the Honors program can be a serious option for students otherwise drawn to very competitive out-of-region colleges. Almost any academic interest can be served at UMTC, and the campus is much more residential than it was several decades ago. The combination of a big university in a premier metropolitan area is something we might take for granted as residents of the Twin Cities, but it is rarer than you may think.)

11:15 AM: Trinity College (Hartford, CT)

(Trinity could stand in for the classic East coast academic environment, with 2,100 undergraduate students and one of the rare urban locations among the most prominent New England liberal arts colleges. Trinity merits a look if you are interested in a traditional New England college offering modern research and a distinct urban-global perspective. Trinity is one of the few small liberal arts colleges to offer an ABET-accredited Engineering major)

11:15 AM: Arizona State University (Tempe, AZ)

(ASU is a HUGE university, but there is an opportunity to make it a lot smaller through its renowned Barrett Honors College which features its own residential college format and separate course offerings for the 6,800 honors students. You can study anything under the sun at ASU, but some unique academic offerings include earth and space exploration, aeronautical and aviation studies, and construction engineering)

11:15 AM: Bucknell University (Lewisburg, PA)

(Bucknell is a highly selective, private, and residential college well known for its highly rated undergraduate engineering program. Located on a pastoral campus in the central Pennsylvania town of Lewisburg, Bucknell shares many attributes with other East Coast schools with small, rural locations such as Dartmouth or Colgate. With 3,600 students, Division I athletics, and major academic programs in business, engineering, and liberal arts, Bucknell could be considered alongside Catholic universities such as Notre Dame, Villanova, or Boston College, or Ivy League institutions, or mid-sized, national universities such as Wake Forest or Vanderbilt)

1:30 PM: Coe College (Cedar Rapids, IA)

(Coe is an example of that harder-to-find small liberal arts college that is located in a city of some size. Cedar Rapids has a population of 130,000 and is about 30 minutes from Iowa City, which leads to ample internships and other off-campus opportunities. Similar to colleges like St. Olaf, St. Mary's-Minnesota, or Gustavus Adolphus, but in a much bigger town than any of those, attend this visit if you are looking for an intimate academic experience and the expectation that every student will participate in an internship, research, or study abroad experience.)

1:30 PM: North Central University (Minneapolis, MN)

(NCU is a small Bible-based college enrolling 1,100 students, located in downtown Minneapolis. Academic offerings include education, journalism, counseling, and music production)

1:30 PM: Adelphi University (Garden City, NY)

(Adelphi is Long Island's oldest university with 5,200 students studying Arts & Science, Business, Nursing, and Psychology. The diverse student body hails mainly from the east coast. A unique offering is the full School of Psychology where it is possible to study neuroscience and complete an accelerated master's program in general psychology)

3:15 PM: Salve Regina University (Newport, RI)

(A Catholic, coeducational university located amidst Newport, Rhode Island's iconic 19th century mansions and estates, Salve Regina enrolls about 2,200 students and offers programs in education, global business, health care administration, historical preservation, nursing, and more. 72 percent of students are from out-of-state and 58 percent live on campus.)

Thursday, September 26

8:00 AM: Northern Arizona University (Flagstaff, AZ)

(A public college located near the Grand Canyon with academic programs that include engineering, nursing, music, business, forestry, geography, and education. Offers fixed tuition with no year-to-year increases while a student is enrolled.)

8:00 AM: Miami University (Oxford, OH)

(Miami University is often called a "Public Ivy," for being a major public university of Ohio with a deep liberal arts tradition, an enrollment that is a fraction of that at Big Ten universities, and storybook campus suitable for Hollywood. Miami has the classic college look and is located in the classic small college town of Oxford, about one hour from Cincinnati, where nearly every student lives within a one square mile area. Distinguishing features include the strong Greek Life, academic programs in Architecture, Engineering, and Business, and a Division 1 ice hockey program)

11:15 AM: Iowa State University (Ames, IA)

(Iowa State offers a classic Midwest college town campus with strong engineering, science, and business programs, all within an easy 3 hour drive down Interstate 35. A very different setting and atmosphere than the University of Minnesota, but still with major college sports and less stringent admission requirements than UMTC or UW-Madison for popular academic programs such as business or engineering)

Thursday, September 26

11:15 AM: Earlham College (Richmond, IN)

(Included among the Colleges that Change Lives, Earlham is a national liberal arts college of 1,100 students located 70 miles from Indianapolis and 45 miles from Dayton. Earlham graduates routinely earn grants for post-graduate international study such as the Fulbright award. The 800-acre campus includes a 600-acre stretch of woods, streams, ponds, old fields and prairie used for scientific research and recreation. Currently, 94 percent of students reside on campus in one of eight residence halls or more than 20 theme and friendship houses.)

Friday, September 27

1:30 PM: University of California, San Diego

(USCD is a leading public university and a distinguished campus of the renowned University of California system. With 28,000 undergraduate students and over 2,500 faculty, UCSD is an influential institution with significant strengths in science research, engineering, oceanography and more. The student experience occurs within the "College system," an innovative arrangement in which students belong to one of six colleges – not based on major – of about 4,700 students each)

Monday, September 30

8:00 AM: Lafayette College (Easton, PA)

(Lafayette has long had a niche as a comprehensive liberal arts college with engineering program. It is a short list, with Princeton and Trinity College in Connecticut as the other entries. Lafayette is also the smallest Division 1 college in the country with an enrollment of 2,500 students. Located one hour east of New York City, Lafayette provides a traditional 'eastern' college experience with a classic campus, deep traditions, old rivalries, Greek life, and a personal touch)

8:00 AM: St. Lawrence University (Canton, NY)

(SLU is a university for snow lovers located in far upstate New York near the Canadian border – the nearest U.S. city is Syracuse, but the Canadian capital of Ottawa is even closer. Bounded by abundant natural features, the SLU campus is similar to that of Dartmouth or Middlebury and the campus atmosphere is close-knit. Division 1 in hockey and Division 3 in other sports, SLU fulfills the best small college ideals with 99% of students living on campus and over half studying abroad.)

8:00 AM: University of San Diego (San Diego, CA)

(U. of San Diego could go on any college list that includes Pepperdine, TCU, St. Thomas, or Creighton. This Catholic university of 5,600 students offers beautiful weather, proximity to the beach, and strong programs in business and engineering. The campus directory includes an entire section dedicated to the campus's many plazas and enclosed gardens.)

2:25 PM: Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (Terre Haute, IN)

(Rose Hulman is one of the country's elite colleges for undergraduate engineering education, with over 90% of the most recent graduating class holding a job, a graduate school appointment or position as a commissioned military officer at Commencement. Rose Hulman enrolls 2,200 students on its campus in Terre Haute, Ind., about 70 miles from the Indianapolis airport)

This guide will be updated with information for colleges visiting after October 1

Tuesday, October 1

8:00 AM: Bryant University (Smithfield, RI)
8:00 AM: George Mason University (Fairfax, VA)
8:00 AM: High Point University (High Point, NC)
11:15 AM: Florida Southern University (Lakeland, FL)
11:15 AM: Seton Hall University (South Orange, NJ)
3:15 PM: University of New Hampshire (Durham, NH)
3:15 PM: Goldsmiths, University of London (London, UK)

Wednesday, October 2

1:30 PM: Catholic University of America (Washington, DC)
1:30 PM: Hope College (Holland, MI)
3:15 PM: University of Maryland (College Park, MD)

Thursday, October 3

8:00 AM: College of the Holy Cross (Worcester, MA)
3:15 PM: Winthrop University (Rock Hill, SC)

Monday, October 7

8:00 AM: Chapman University (Orange, CA)
2:25 PM: Santa Clara University (Santa Clara, CA)
3:15 PM: Loyola University Chicago (Chicago, IL)

Tuesday, October 8

11:15 AM: University of St. Thomas (St. Paul, MN)
3:15 PM: Stonehill College (Easton, MA)
3:15 PM: Cornell College (Mount Vernon, IA)

Wednesday, October 9

11:15 AM: University of Notre Dame (Notre Dame, IN)
1:30 PM: Benedictine College (Atchison, KS)

Thursday, October 10

11:15 AM: University of Kansas (Lawrence, KS)
11:15 AM: University of Puget Sound (Tacoma, WA)
1:30 PM: College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University (Saint Joseph/Collegeville, MN)

Monday, October 14

2:25 PM: Texas Christian University (Fort Worth, TX)

Tuesday, October 15

11:15 AM: University of Iowa (Iowa City, IA)
3:15 PM: Kansas State University (Manhattan, KS)

Monday, October 21

3:15 PM: DePauw University (Greencastle, IN)

Tuesday, October 22

8:00 AM: Drake University (Des Moines, IA)

11:15 AM: University of Portland (Portland, OR)

3:15 PM: Washington University in St. Louis

Wednesday, October 23

11:15 AM: Westmont College (Santa Barbara, CA)

11:15 AM: Bethel University (Saint Paul, MN)

3:15 PM: Lipscomb University (Nashville, TN)

Tuesday, October 29

3:15 PM: Luther College (Decorah, IA)

3:15 PM: University of Tampa (Tampa, FL)

Friday, November 1

11:15 AM: Kalamazoo College (Kalamazoo, MI)